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We worship at 10am on Sundays followed by Sunday school.

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VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.*

*We invite you to come and **GROW** with us.*

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SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Beginning on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6pm, the members and friends of Trinity United are invited to participate in a weekly Bible Study and Prayer meeting. As a community of faith, we recognize the significance of coming together to grow in our prayer life and in our understanding of the God we serve. Let's do this together and be sure to invite family and friends.

NEWS FROM THE SESSION

Safe Church Mandatory Training:

Church Leaders, members and friends who are part of children and youth ministries are required to attend Safe Sanctuaries training. The training will be offered twice. Please plan to attend one on either Wednesday, August 23rd at 6pm or Sunday, August 27th following worship.

Safe Church Computer Modules: Our Insurance Company has required us to complete and computer guided insurance course. For those wishing to work on their courses, Grace Tucker will be available in the computer lab on Monday August 7 & 14 from 1-3pm. Seating is limited in the lab. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Grace or Barbara Wesley as soon as possible.

WORSHIP PLANS

In August, Pastor Lawson will continue preaching through the Book of Romans. Come and hear some of the most important messages of the New Testament written by the Apostle Paul. In September, we will turn our attention to the Gospel of Matthew. This Gospel has much to say to a community experiencing social change to which it wants to adapt while being faithful to its Scripture and tradition.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Christian Education Team is preparing for our ONE DAY Vacation Bible School on Saturday, August 12th. We will hold our Camp Out from 9am to 3:30pm with lunch provided. There will be music, crafts for each child to take home and one to make to donate to the Shelter, as well as Bible Study for all ages—including adults plus more.

We are encouraging early registration for children ages 5-12 and the early registers will receive a free T-shirt. These registrations need to be made by August 1st to be eligible for the free shirt. However, registrations will be taken the day of VBS also.

The sessions will be from 9-11:30am and 12:30-3pm with lunch and free play in between. On Sunday we will be handing out school supplies to all who attended VBS and are encouraging them to return for worship and get their supplies.

We still need teens and adults to help as group leaders, craft helpers, game coaches, and lunch help. Contact Delphine Moore, Sharon Burton or Sharon Auger for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for children and adults will begin on September 10th with a special Rally Day. These classes will take place after church. At present, we have 2 classes for children, grades 1-5th and grades 6-12th. Allison Bradley and Sharon Burton will head the teens and Sharon Auger will have the younger children.

The adult class will meet also. Make plans to get your cup of coffee and treat and take it to class with you. These classes will meet on each Sunday except first Sundays where we all attend our luncheon fellowship.

MISSION HAPPENINGS

News from Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, our mission co-workers in the Philippines:



We were delighted to have Rev. Cathy Chang visit it with us in June. The Presbyterian Women hosted a luncheon and Cathy shared of the brave and courageous ministry she is involved in which at times can be dangerous. Cathy continues to move in faith and speaks out against injustice although in her words, she does so, "in the face of anxiety, fear and violence."

In the midst of bringing human trafficking to the forefront, other issues such as the war on drugs have come into focus. Like human trafficking, the war on drugs is a "war on the poor." Cathy is walking alongside people who have family members killed by drug syndicates, vigilantes or corrupt police. In response to all that is taking place, Cathy has invited us to join together with her and other advocates in praying this prayer:

"Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor all persons. Honor all creation. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the love of God, the Light of Christ, and the power and communion of that Spirit be with us all. Go in peace."

Please continue to keep the Chang-Lopez family in your prayers.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



In late June, Trinity United received a very special memorial gift from Elder Barbara Shackelford in memory of her beloved husband, and our friend, Orble Shackelford. As many of you know, Orble was very involved in the music ministry of the church and specifically the Men's Choir. It is very fitting that he be remembered in this fashion.

The gift will go to purchase needed bells for the choir. Provisions were also made for the Adult Choir and the Men's Choir. Both Barbara and Orble represent the very best of Trinity United. Barbara's dedication has not wavered in the face of her grave loss. She is dedicated and determined to live out her faith and demonstrates this by continuing to use her gifts Sunday after Sunday to the glory of God. Her strength is to be admired.

Words cannot express how much we miss Orble. With our deepest gratitude, we will cherish his memory through the gift of music. Thank you Barbara and the entire Shackelford family!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women of Trinity United are actively engaged in the mission of the church. They consistently

meet to study God's word, plan activities and involve themselves in generous ministry. Here is snapshot of some of their activities.



The Naomi Circle meets on the fourth Wednesdays in the months of September through June at 10:30 AM. They participate in a lively Bible study from PW/Horizons Bible Study. The theme for 2016/2017 was "Who is Jesus". Sharon Auger, Coordinating Team Moderator leads the discussion each month. Ernestine Jackson serves as a substitute when Sharon is absent. A least coin offering is collected each month. Other sources of income include rummage and bake sales, and a craft show (October 21-22). The ladies enjoy a meal and fellowship after the bible discussion.

Grandparents Group meets on the third Wednesdays in the months of September through May at 10:00 AM. After devotion and prayer the ladies make blankets for the sick and shut-ins, dialysis and chemo/radiation patients. They make Christmas wreaths for the church. Guest speakers have provided tips on health and gardening.

Gwendolyn Barney and Roberta Hardy have been our featured speakers each year. Book discussions have included *The Help, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, and the most recent book, *Trevor Noah's Born a Crime*. The moderator of the Grandparents Group is Phyllis Scales.

Sarah Circle meets on the second Tuesdays in the months of September through June at 600 PM. They have discussed *The Purpose Driven Life* and most recently, they studied the *Book of Esther*. They have taken on such projects as the diaper drive and providing personal needs and school supplies for high school and college students. Because of the Sarah Circle we have invited and transported the ladies and children from the Cedar Street Shelter to our annual Mother's Day gathering. The first year our guests were chauffeured in limousines donated by Banks Funeral Home. This year Sharon Auger, Mary Krist, Georgia McCall and Jeri Taylor served as chauffeurs. New and gently used clothes and shoes were available for the ladies and children. The program included dinner followed by poems and songs by Monica Bradley, Barbara Shackelford, Mary Krist, Phyllis Scales, Jacquelyn McClellan, Barbara Wesley and Eddie Barney. Sharon Auger served as the mistress of ceremony.

Georgia McCall is moderator of Lake Huron PW, Ernestine Jackson serves as the Search Committee Chair, and Sharon Auger is the South Area Representative.

SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Luncheon

All members of the Adult Choir, Men's Choir and Bell Choir are invited to a Summer Celebration Luncheon on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 12 Noon at the Woodhaven Club House. Please feel free to invite a guest. The cost is \$8.00 per person. **RSVP by July 31st, 2017.** Contact Phyllis Scales 789-7256 and Georgia McCall 785-2578.



August 12, 2017 from 9am – 3pm.

SUMMER CAMP OUT

Vacation Bible School on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Early registration will include a "FREE" T-shirt for children and adults. Donations will be accepted to help cover costs. Lunch will be provided.



School Supplies will be needed for our annual give-a-way to begin with the start of school. This year supplies will be handed out on August 13th at our VBS Celebration Sunday and will include children who attended VBS.



Brown Bag BIBLE STUDY

The Acts of the Apostles

Wednesdays in August
from 11:30am – 1pm
(August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

The book of Acts looks at the early church in action. Although Jesus ascends to heaven at the beginning of the book, the Lord is still very much present throughout, by way of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit fills, and empowers believers to live out the life of Christ. Let's Lunch and Learn Together. Come and GROW with us through God's Word.

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- Aug 2 Brown Bag Study at 11:30am
- Aug 4 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Aug 5 Worship Mtg. at Noon
- Aug 7 Music Committee at 2:30pm
- Aug 12 VBS Saturday – 9a-3:30pm
- Aug 18 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Aug 21 Session Meeting at 3pm
- Aug 23 Safe Church Training at 6pm
- Aug 27 Safe Church Training
- Aug 29 Game Day

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 1 Grief Support at 11:30am
- Sep 4 Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sep 10 Sunday School /Rally Day
- Sep 12 PLH Mtg., Midland Memorial
- Sep 13 Prayer/Bible Study
Wednesdays at 6pm

- Sep 15 Soup Kitchen 2-5 pm
- Sep 17 Deacons Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

- Oct 14 Women's Fall Gathering
- Oct 21 Annual Craft Show

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

- 2 Sydney Graham
- 5 Lynwood Barry
- 10 Barbara Shackelford
- 11 Grace Tucker
- 16 Buffy Wier
- 18 Gwen Barney
- 22 Sharon Burton

August Anniversaries

- 28 Cleatus & Kathy Henderson

September Birthdays

- 6 Catherine Ainsworth
- 10 Anne Shoup
- 11 Yewande Adigun
- 15 Janet Hartzell
- 21 Christine Cook
- 21 Ernestine Jackson
- 22 Tim Graham
- 24 Sharon Auger
- 28 Undrea Fischer
- 29 Jill Bolduc
- 30 Ron Auger
- 30 Debie Deming

September Anniversaries

- 18 Jerry & Jan Kamrath

If you have a submission for the October-November *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Pastor Lawson at revlawsond@yahoo.com by no later than September 21, 2017. Thank you.